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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 WITH AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 12, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months from May 12, 2003 to and including August 12, 2003, with a provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (2) a Notice of Appeal with a provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (3) Exhibit 1, a print-out of Sigma-Aldrich's online catalog on chemical compound libraries useful for screening assays.